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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I: Claims 1-9 and 39-51, drawn to an implant.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for substantive examination, which action is requested. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220. Any questions that the Examiner may have about the foregoing may be directed to the undersigned, who can be reached at 919-854-1400.

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